

# Noontide NEWS

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Fresh information and fruition from

Noontide Visiting Christian Science Nurse Service of Michigan



## 2019 Noontide Annual Meeting

**O**n April, 13, 2019 Noontide Visiting Christian Science Nurse Service of Michigan (Noontide) held its first annual meeting in many years, at the Hyatt Place Hotel in Lansing. The *purpose* of Noontide, since 1965—to make Christian Science nursing available and affordable—has not changed.

“One thing that *is* different,” noted Natalie Wright, the 2019 President, “is the benefit of technology to communicate with the Field. We have been focusing on making visiting Christian Science nursing services readily available using current technologies. We have a new website, [www.noontidecs.org](http://www.noontidecs.org), have broadened our email list, and have developed a new presentation to share with branch churches,” Wright said.

Noontide has begun presenting a series of workshops to help expand the understanding of Christian Science nursing. One workshop was given at the annual meeting by Tina Bilhorn, Director of Nursing at Tenacre, “**Communities of Care: Fulfilling the Christian Demand to Love One Another.**” The workshop included what to do when it may not feel comfortable to offer help or care. Breakout groups found solutions and examples from the Bible and the writings of Mary Baker Eddy.

Noontide Supervising Christian Science Nurse Jeanne Troutman gave a report that included gratitude for partnering with Tenacre’s Christian Science nursing student mentoring program. This program has benefited both organizations. Tenacre students sharpened their skills, under her guidance, as they helped to minister care to Noontide patients.

The whole group was encouraged to commit to implement the ideas expressed in the workshop in their branch churches, family, community and beyond.

Paul’s message to the Galatians highlights the conclusions from this workshop:

*Since this is the kind of life we have chosen, the life of the Spirit, let us make sure that we do not just hold it as an idea in our heads or a sentiment in our hearts, but work out its implications in every detail of our lives. (Gal. 5:25 The Message)* ■

## Church Visits

Would your branch church like to know what our visiting Christian Science visiting nurse services can do for you? Our Christian Science nurse and a board member would love to visit your branch church and bring you the latest information about Noontide.

E-mail [office@noontidecs.org](mailto:office@noontidecs.org) or call the Noontide business office at (734) 459-5850 to schedule a visit. We can schedule either a 30-45 minute presentation, or a 10-15 minute presentation. *We can't wait to see you!* ■

## August Home Helper Workshop in Milford

A Christian Science Home Helper workshop will be held Saturday, August 3, 2019, at First Church of Christ, Scientist, Milford. Christian Science nurse, Jeanne Troutman will be presenting the workshop. Cost for enrollment and materials: \$20.00. Contact Jeanne, [csnurse@noontidecs.org](mailto:csnurse@noontidecs.org), to sign up. See our website for more information: [www.noontidecs.org](http://www.noontidecs.org) ■

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*Photo above left (from l-r): Tina Bilhorn, Director, Tenacre School of Christian Science Nursing; Gretchen Gleason, soloist, First Church of Christ, Scientist, Greater Lansing; Jeanne Troutman, Noontide, Christian Science Nurse.*

## Treasurer's Remarks

The financial condition on Noontide is currently stable. Although we have been able to grow our asset base, mainly because of unexpected substantial gifts, it is still necessary to withdraw from our savings and investments to meet current operating expenses. Donations and patient billings (35%) do not come close to covering the cost of operations. It takes approximately \$80,000–\$100,000 a year to run the organization that supports one full-time Christian Science nurse and a relief Christian Science nurse as necessary.

**One of our goals is to employ an additional *part-time* Christian Science nurse.** However, to do so means that revenue must increase. In an effort to reach this goal we have invested in a new website designed to increase the level of awareness, especially among Christian Scientists, regarding the significant importance of Christian Science nursing to Christian Science and its demonstration.

We are confident that our goals will be achieved so that we can continue to make available the blessings of Christian Science nursing to those in need; thus continuing the practical demonstration of the healing Christ. ■



## Church Care Kits

**A**t our “God’s Minute Men and Women” workshop held in Lansing last November, Jeanne Troutman, one of our Christian Science nurses, introduced the idea of each branch church preparing a **CHURCH CARE KIT** for those in need. These kits are a useful way of tangibly “loving our neighbor.” Suggested items: a Bible, a *Science and Health*, a *Christian Science Hymnal*, a current copy of *The Christian Science Journal*, a sheet, a pillow, a blanket, assorted towels, washcloths, wet wipes and band aids. They could be stored in a labeled, large plastic storage tub that is easily accessible and put in a convenient place obvious to ushers and members. ■

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## UPCOMING WORKSHOP: “Christian Science Nurse: A Manual By-Law for Every Member”

**T**his is the second meeting in a two-part series. You do not need to have attended the first meeting in order to attend this meeting—we would still love to see you. On October 26, 2019 at the Plymouth church, guest speaker Tina Bilhorn, *Director*, Tenacre School of Christian Science Nursing, will discuss “Christian Science Nurse: A *Manual By-Law* for Every Member.”

The workshop portion of our this meeting will explore the foundational ideas and qualities expressed in Christian Science nursing, based on the *Manual of the Mother Church By-Law*, Article VIII, section 3, “Christ Jesus the Ensampler.”

Join us to discover more about how the spirit of this By-Law enlarges and supports your practice of Christian Science—right where you are. Tina Bilhorn has given this well-received workshop to the Christian Science Field nationwide.

For more information, go to [noontidecs.org](http://noontidecs.org) as we get closer to the date. ■

## EMPLOYMENT

### Visiting Christian Science Nurse— **MICHIGAN NEEDS YOU!**

If you'd love to serve fellow Christian Scientists in beautiful Michigan and are looking for part-time hours, consider applying. The position is ideal for a Christian Science nurse who's either *Journal*-listed or working toward this. Please give Jeanne Troutman a call at **(517) 582-0575**.

## Fruitage

**A**round Christmas time our daughter hurt her foot while having fun at a trampoline park. While we immediately prayed together so that she was able to continue the rest of her activities that day, the next morning there was little progress and she couldn't put pressure on her foot. We decided to call the Noontide visiting Christian Science nurse to wrap the foot. On Christmas Eve the nurse joyfully arrived to our house with a calm, prayerful, presence. That alone immediately helped alleviate our daughter's fears. We all talked together about her oneness with God. The Christian Science nurse's wrap was a practical expression of love which helped our daughter continue her healing. In working in conjunction with a Christian Science practitioner that day, the pain very quickly disappeared and she was up and running before the day was over. We are so grateful for the perfection-based approach the Christian Science nurse brought to our home. ■

**R**ecently, a dear family member called upon the help of a Christian Science nurse from Noontide Visiting Christian Science Nurse Service of Michigan. This Christian Science nurse lovingly responded by visiting our home twice weekly to provide Christian Science nursing care and guide us in how to care for this dear one, which included practical information on nursing supplies and their use. The Christian Science nurse radiated loving compassion in action. Her gentle expression showed a strong underpinning of spiritual understanding, and this was clearly evident as she provided physical care and read parts of the Bible Lesson and sang hymns with our loved family member. The Christian Science nurse's Christly, compassionate care comforted the patient and us, the family, as well. It inspired all of us to feel strongly God's presence, power, and love. We will be forever grateful for the outstanding professional service provided by this wonderful Christian Science nurse. ■

## Donations

**Our Visiting Christian Science Nurse Service continues to need your generous donations. We've made it simpler to focus your donations in a specific way, such as helping Noontide keep our nursing car in top shape, helping us pay for nursing supplies, Christian Science nurses' salaries, patient benevolence, office supplies, or to support in whatever way God leads.**

**Ways to donate include bequests, corporate matching gifts, or using [Smile.Amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) when making purchases. (Smile.Amazon allows buyers to select a preferred charity and donates a percentage of the purchase to that charity.)**



**You can also make a direct donation through our website at <https://www.noontidecs.org/ways-to-donate> or use the enclosed donation envelope. Michigan Christian Scientists are so blessed to have a Visiting Christian Science Nurse service! We could not provide this service without your help.**

**Be assured, however you may donate, we're mindful to be good stewards of Noontide's funds.**

## FRIENDS, We Need Your Help!

We are currently updating our newsletter mailing/emailing list. Would you please mail us your current contact information using the form below and enclosed envelope? Or send us an email at [office@noontidecs.org](mailto:office@noontidecs.org). *Please cut and send to:* Noontide, P.O. Box 702072, Plymouth, MI 48170-9998.

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#### MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Noontide Visiting Christian Science Nurse Service of Michigan is to provide to patients, under the guidance of divine Love, the proper practical services necessary to support healing as demonstrated through the teachings of Christian Science.

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